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Marcy Leavitt, Chief  
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State of New Mexico Environment Department  
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Re: Request for EPA review and approval on the *Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) for the San Juan River Watershed (Part One) - Navajo Nation Boundary at the Hogback to Navajo Dam*

Dear Ms. Leavitt:

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has reviewed the eight (8) TMDLs transmitted by your letter to Miguel Flores dated June 16, 2005. By this letter, EPA is approving the loadings as established in the documents grouped together as the *Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) for the San Juan River Watershed (Part One) - Navajo Nation Boundary at the Hogback to Navajo Dam*, to include:

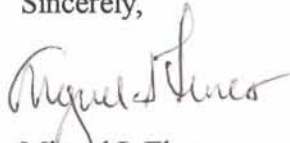
- *Total Maximum Daily Load for Sedimentation/Siltation (Stream Bottom Deposits) in San Juan River (Animas River to Cañon Largo)*, Subsegment No. 20.6.4.401 NMAC, Reach No. NM-2401\_00 (formerly SJR1-10000)
- *Total Maximum Daily Load for Sedimentation/Siltation (Stream Bottom Deposits) in La Plata River (San Juan River to McDermott Arroyo)*, Subsegment No. 20.6.4.402, Reach No. NM-2402.A\_00 (formerly SFR5-20100 split)
- *Total Maximum Daily Load for Selenium in Gallegos Canyon (San Juan River to Navajo Nation boundary)*, Subsegment Unclassified, Reach No. NM-9000.A\_060 (no WBS identifier)
- *Total Maximum Daily Load for Fecal coliform in Animas River (San Juan River to Estes Arroyo)*, Subsegment No. 20.6.4.403 NMAC, Reach No. NM-2403.A\_00 (formerly SJR4-10000)
- *Total Maximum Daily Load for Fecal coliform in La Plata River (San Juan River to McDermott Arroyo)*, Subsegment No. 20.6.4.402, Reach No. NM-2402.A\_00 (formerly SFR5-20100 split)
- *Total Maximum Daily Load for Fecal coliform in La Plata River (McDermott Arroyo to NM/CO border)*, Subsegment No. 20.6.4.402, Reach No. NM-2402.A\_01 (formerly SFR5-20100 split)
- *Total Maximum Daily Load for Fecal coliform in San Juan River (Navajo Nation boundary at Hogback to Animas River)*, Subsegment No. 20.6.4.401 NMAC, Reach No. NM-2401\_10 (formerly SJR5-20000)

- *Total Maximum Daily Load for Fecal coliform in San Juan River (Animas River to Cañon Largo)*, Subsegment No. 20.6.4.401 NMAC, Reach No. NM-2401\_00 (formerly SJR1-10000)

Based on this review, EPA concludes that the TMDLs listed above meet the requirements found in Section 303 of the Clean Water Act and the implementing regulations at 40 CFR 130.7. EPA is therefore pleased to approve the TMDL loadings contained in these documents and their incorporation as updates to the New Mexico Water Quality Management Plan. Please note that while included in the NMED submittal, an implementation plan is not required by current regulations and this approval does not address the existence or the adequacy of any implementation plans contained within these submissions.

Please find enclosed, Final Review reports on the *Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) for the San Juan River Watershed (Part One) - Navajo Nation Boundary at the Hogback to Navajo Dam*. We commend your staff for the considerable effort that went into developing and establishing these TMDLs. If you would like to discuss these approvals, please contact me or Catherine Penland of my staff at (214) 665-7122.

Sincerely,



Miguel I. Flores  
Director,  
Water Quality Protection Division

Enclosures